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In re application of  
Applicant(s): Mario Beland  
Serial No: 10/068,936  
Filing Date: February 11, 2002  
Examiner: David A. Redding Art Unit: 1744  
Title: Improved Sterilisable Probe For Extraction Of Volatile  
Compounds In Liquids And Their Quantitative Determination  
Docket No: 11320-1

October 29, 2003

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To: The Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
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***Response under 37 CFR 1.121***

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2003, the Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the specification are attached in a section entitled "Specification Amendments". Amendments to the Claims are attached in another section entitled "Claim Amendments". A REMARKS section is also attached.

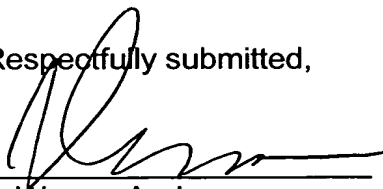
An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(c) in form PTO-1449 is attached, along with the fee of \$180.00.

Copies of the references are also enclosed.

We hereby authorize you to charge the Required Fee of \$180.00 to our **Mastercard Credit Card**. The required Form PTO-2038 is attached herewith.

Having dealt with all the objections and rejections raised in the Office Action, reconsideration and allowance of the application as amended is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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